



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, October 2023

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To ALL the Parents/Guardians that have already returned your child(ren)s information forms to the Office. We appreciate it!

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ



Thank you to the many OLM families who came to support and meet our teachers this year at our annual Meet the Teacher BBQ! We had a wonderful turn-out and great weather! Thank you to School Council for hosting this event and to the many volunteers who helped.

Terry Fox Run

Can you believe that our school has raised over \$102,000 over the years for the Terry Fox Foundation?? Wow!!! This year we have raised over \$3430! Thank to all that donated to this very

important cause. Thank you to Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Cannon for organizing this event for us!



CROSS COUNTRY



Our students did an amazing job at the Cross Country Meet which was held in Haliburton. The weather was perfect for our successful run!



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Thank you to Ms. Craig and Ms. Parking for coaching and to the volunteers who helped!



Soccer Tournaments

Olm students will be participating at the Melrose Tyendinaga Recreation Complex in Shannonville on Tuesday, Oct 5th and Thursday, Oct. 7th.

There is also a Junior boys and girls tournament at Hermon Public School on Wednesday, Oct 6th. We wish all teams good luck!



Throughout the world Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts created the smiley face in **1963**. That image went on to become the most recognizable symbol of good will and good cheer on the planet. On Friday, October 6th and EVERYDAY - **"Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile!"**



Fire prevention week is October 8th to October 14th. OLM is very excited that the Fire Department will be visiting us with their fire truck and ladder on Thursday, October 12th.



Happy Thanksgiving to ALL our OLM Families!! Take the time to enjoy your families.



Our next school council meeting is Wednesday, Oct 4th at 6:30. Please join us if you can!



There is a new program we are launching through CASHOnline called Lunch Box. Beginning October 13th families will be able to order Pita Pit online for their child(ren) and have the pita delivered right to the school, every Friday. Pita Pit will offer regular and gluten free options, along with many pita choices. For more information click on the [Brochure](#)



MADAWASKA COFFEE FUNDRAISER

Our Madawaska Coffee Fundraiser forms will be distributed to students on October 5th. Forms are due October 17th for delivery of the coffee on November 3rd. Please consider purchasing this delicious coffee! Funds raised go directly toward paying for special activities and/or items for the students.



Our Special Lunch Days have begun. Pizza/Subway forms for the month of October went home on October 2nd. **Please pay through Cash Online.**



Pizza Days are Thursday, October 12 & 26th.

Subway Days are Wednesday, October 18 & Wednesday, November 1st.

All classes at OLM begin at 8:45 a.m., so if your child arrives at 9:00 or 9:10 a.m., precious minutes of learning may have been lost. Research shows that punctuality promotes a positive attitude toward school. Please try to be on time!



Our next PA DAY IS October 27th. Staff will be involved in professional activities.




Blessed Beyond Belief

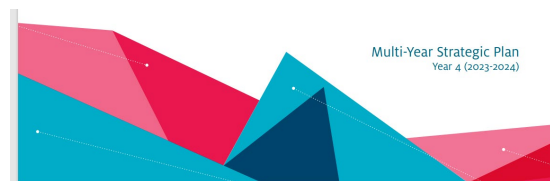
HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Students are permitted to wear costumes at school on October 31st, but without a mask for safety reasons. We also do not allow any pretend weapons that may be props for a costume at school. There will be a dance to attend during the day.

This year out Board’s Pastoral Theme is “Blessed Beyond Belief”. Our beautiful mural is displayed in the front hallway at school. Every student participated by writing about blessing they are thankful for and/or how they can share their blessing with others.

<p>SchoolMessenger Mobile App</p>  <p>SchoolMessenger</p> <p>Download the app from the Apple App store or Google Play store.</p> <p>Sign up to create your account.</p> <p>To report an absence, select Attendance, then Report an Absence.</p>	<p>SchoolMessenger Website</p>  <p>go.schoolmessenger.ca</p> <p>Sign Up to create your account.</p> <p>To report an absence, select Attendance, then Report an Absence.</p>	<p>Call toll-free</p>  <p>1-844-445-4383</p> <p>Call the toll-free number at 1-844-445-4383 to report your child's absence.</p> <p>You will be asked to enter the phone number that you have registered with the school.</p> <p>Follow the prompts to report your child's absence.</p>
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MYSB - [MYSB Year 4 - Final.pdf](https://alcdsb.on.ca) (alcdsb.on.ca)

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is committed to focusing on our new mission, vision and values to use our many blessings and resources to be more than just a great Catholic education system.

Please inform the school of your child’s absence via the school messenger app, school messenger website or the 844 toll free number.

ALCDSB Survey

Calling all ALCDSB families, students, staff and

community members! We're looking for your insight and experience with the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and your school's communication methods.

Please fill out the survey as accurately as possible. At the end, there is an option to add additional comments or suggestions.

The survey does not time out, and you can only submit once.

[ALCDSB Communication Survey](#)

Sacrament of Confirmation



Anyone interested in having their child (usually Gr. 6, 7, 8) receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to please call the Parish Office at 613-332-2954. Classes are planned to begin at the end of October.